property line setback of 10 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Petitioners, by Jan Kiracofe, Project Production Manager, appeared, testified, and were represented by Newton A. Williams, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were Julie Higgins, Landscape Architect with Crozier Associates and Johnn Copes, Vice President Excaliber Properties, Inc., General Partner of Hillside at Seminary Joint Venture, Developer of the subject property. There were no Protestants. Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 6 Old Elm Court and also known as Lot 58 of Hillside at Seminary, consists of .36 acres zoned D.R. 2 and is currently improved with a single family dwelling. Testimony presented indicated that construction of the subject dwelling commenced late last fall and was near completion in February 1989 when the Petitioners were advised by the developer's engineers that all the lots in the subject development were subject to Section V.B.6.b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) and Sections 1801.2C.6 and 504 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) which required a window to property line setback of 15 feet. It was subsequently determined PETITION FOR ZONING VALANCE 369 TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The underrighed, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 1801.20.6.504, and the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies V.B.6.b. to permit window to lot (property) line of 10 ft. for the required 15 ft. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) 1. As to Lot 58, the house is almost finished, and it would be impractical and foolish to tear it down, or to eliminate windows on the east side. That without the requested variance the petitioner will sustain and are sustaining practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship, and the requested variances are in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Regulations.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

Contract Purchaser:

(Type or Print Name)

Attorney for Petitioner: Newton Williams

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Martin W. Williams & Williams On

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

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I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Diversified Homes, MLP of MD...

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7920 McDonogh Road Suite 102

1105 Hampton Plaza 823-7800

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

8th Election District

3rd Councilmanic District

Diversified Homes MLP of

Maryland - Petitioners

Spring Drive (6 Old Elm Court)

N/S Old Elm Court, W of Hill

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The Petitioners herein request a variance to permit a window to

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that the subject property in addition to a few other properties in the development were in violation of this regulation. In the instant case, the dwelling has a setback of 10 feet from a window to the property line." Petitioners subsequently, rtacted Crozier Associates, who had been employed to layout the development in compliance with County regulations. Ms. Higgins testified the error was made by her firm on this property and two other properties in this development. Pictures and testimony presented indicated that the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations would be the variance were granted for Lot 58 due to the location and stagthe houses on adjoining properties. Testimony indicated that at the time the violation was noted, the house was almost complete and under contract for purchase by Gordon and Drucella Lifson who had settled on ... the property in December, 1988 and needed to vacate their present home by March 30, 1989. Petitioners argued that the granting of the requested variance will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the community. An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following: whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a

permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in s n fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

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#6 Old Elm Court in the eighth Election District.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Newton a. Williams

ZONING DESCRIPTION

FOR LOT 58

Beginning on the northeast side of Old Elm Court, 40 feet

wide at the distance of 180 fe west of the centerline of Hill

Spring Drive. Being Lot 58 in the subdivision of The Hillside at

Seminary, Plat Two. Book E.H.K., Jr. 53 folio 74. Also known as

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public health, sarety, and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and fablic hearing on this "etition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this Q7 day of May, 1989 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a window to property line setback of 10 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, 1, accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

> The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > L MNGs knowing ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Zoning Commissione Office of Planning & Zonin Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353

Newton A. Williams, Esquire Hampton Plaza, Suite 1105 Towson, Maryland * 21204

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S Old Elm Court, W of Hill Spring Drive (6 Old Elm Court) : 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Diversified Homes, MLP of Maryland - Petitioners Case No. 89-425-A

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 494-3391.

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ

The Hillside At Seminary Joint Venture 802 Garrett Building • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

(301) 685-8588

Developers of The Hillside At Seminary

May 3, 1989

ZONING OFFICE Ms. Ain Nastarowicz, Esq. Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Variance Petition, Hillside at Seminary

Dear Ms. Nastarowicz:

I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak at the hearing on the variance petitions for five lots at the Hillside at Seminary on May 2, 1989. Since my testimony came somewhat unexpectedly, my remarks were not perhaps as clear as they might have been. I would like to take this opportunity to present information more logically here.

I believe Mr. Williams and the representatives of Diversified Homes and Crozier Associates thoroughly presented the issues as they relate to the three lots which had all undergone various levels of house construction when the problems were discovered in February. I would therefore like to confine my comments here to lots 56 and 74 which are still owned by the Hillside at Seminary Joint Venture, but under contract to Diversified Homes MLP of Maryland.

As developer of this subdivision, we have made every effort to assure an attractive community of high quality homes. To this end, we sought only a few builders to buy lots at Hillside on the three lower courts, rather than selling lots off individually as had been intended by the previous owner/developer. In so doing we felt we could get maximum coordination in home construction resulting in better land use on what are admittedly difficult lots due to their narrowness. This site had been subdivided and recorded prior to our purchase of it.

As the contract purchaser for 17 of the 19 lots on Old Elm Court, we insisted that Diversified Homes submit for review prior to construction, a complete site plan showing all of the homes to be built. We were all very conscious of the County's requirements for window to window setbacks, house to house distances and height to height requirements. If you review the site plan for the entire street, I am sure you will appreciate the tremendous effort that went into making all of those things work, somewhat akin to a jigsaw puzzle.

Overlooked however, were the window to lot line and right-of-way setbacks. I assure you this was inadvertent and when the error was discovered, we moved immediately to make adjustments in siting where possible, and to apply for variances where no reasonable adjustments could be made.

While the hardships imposed in those cases where houses were already under construction are more obvious, there would indeed be a hardship if the window to right-of-way setback is not waived for lots 56 and 74.

Because houses have already been constructed on each of the adjacent lots, the building envelopes for these two corner lots have already been constrained by the placement of those homes. Without the waiver, we would be left with very small envelopes in which to construct houses, the width of which would be cut of keeping with the rest of the community.

Hillside at Seminary is a lovely community where there will eventually be 84 homes. It has strict architectural covenants and all plans and exterior changes are reviewed by a committee of professionals. We have spent tens of thousands of dollars on reviews by a registered architect and landscape architect to assure each home is compatible and that site grading and drainage is handled appropriately.

The two corner lots, 56 and 74, are directly across from a landscaped open space parcel on the east side of Hill Spring Drive. An abbreviated setback from the right-of-way would have no impact on other homeowners. There are currently a number of residents at Hillside. We note for the record that there were no protests to the granting of any of these variances.

We ask your positive consideration of our request and I thank you again for the opportunity to address you on this matter.

> Sincerely EXCALIBUR PROPERTIES, INC. General Partner Johnn Copes

Newton A. Williams

Vice President

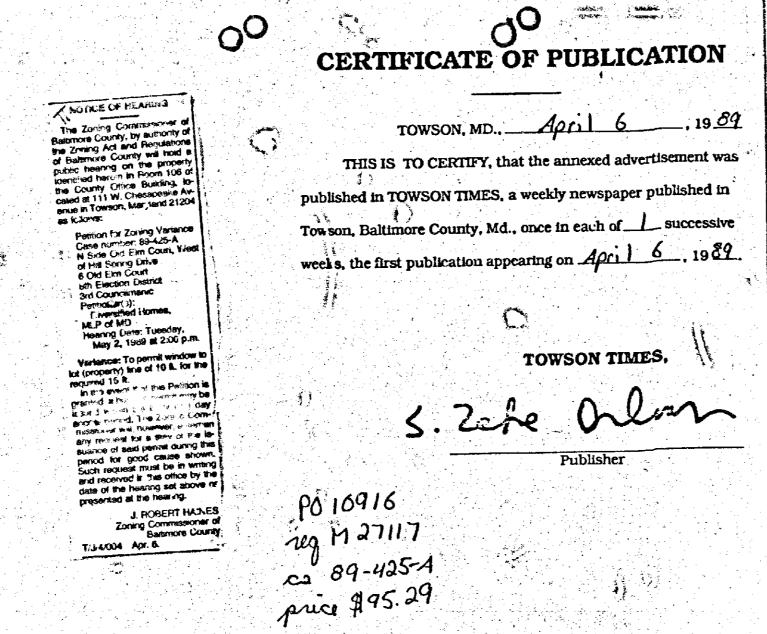
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can appear for any hearing held on May 2, 1989 would be April 13, 1989. Advertisments are inserted one week early, allowing for human error. Incorrect wording in the ad would cause postponement of the case. The early runs allows time to telphone and inform the necessity to run the The above being the case, when your petition was filed, the zoning docket was scheduled up to and including April 28, 1989. The hardships outlined in your letter are real and deserving of the consideration we have given in assigning this case 30 days prior

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-2353 J. Robert Haines

March 16, 1989



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Mr. & Mrs. Gordon B. Lifson 4228 Mary Ridge Drive Randallstown, Maryland 21133

Re: Item 369 Case # 89-425-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lifson:

This office has just received your correspondence dated March 2, 1989, wherein you request a hearing date prior to March 30, 1989. By now you are in receipt of the hearing notice indicating that the above captioned matter will be heard on May 2, 1989. Zoning Commissioner Haines requested that I write to you, explaning facts relative to the scheduling of your case.

The normal time span between the date of filing and date of hearing is three months. This Petition was filed on March 3, 1989, giving it an approximate hearing date of June 3, 1989. However, at the time of filing, the attorney representing Diversified Homes requesting the matter be set in as soon as possible. The May 2, 1989 date strictly conforms to that request.

Firstly, regulations state that cases are to be set no sooner than 30 days and no later than 90 days after acceptance. The 30 days, to allow review by other agencies; the 90 days, in order that these matters be moved timely through the system. Secondly, regulations also require all zoning hearings to be advertised in two separate newspapers15 days prior to the hearing. Although, logic would dicate the need of only several more days to timely place the ads, such is not the case. In way of example, I will use the May 2, 1989 hearing date you now have. The ads for this date will run on April 5th and 6th. The newspaper dealine for these issue dates is March 30, 1989. Once the ads are prepared, they must go to the County's central purchasing agency, who will process and mail the purchase order to the newspaper. Processing and mailing time amounts to approximately ten days. Therefore, the my paperwork must leave my desk by March 20, 1989. County newspapers are published weekly and the last issue meeting regulations in which an ad

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J. Robert Haines



NOTICE OF HEARING Dennis F. Rasmusser

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 89-425-A N Side Old Elm Court, West of Hill Spring Drive 6 Old Elm Court 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Diversified Homes, MLP of MD HEARING SCHEDULED: TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.

Variance to permit window to lot (property) line of 10 ft. for the required 15 ft.

In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hearing. . Polit flaires

J. ROBERT HAIRES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Ursula R. Lifson 4228 Mary Ridge Drive Randallstown, Maryland 21133

March 2, 1989

Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: 6 Old Elm Court, Lutherville, MD (1/cm 309)

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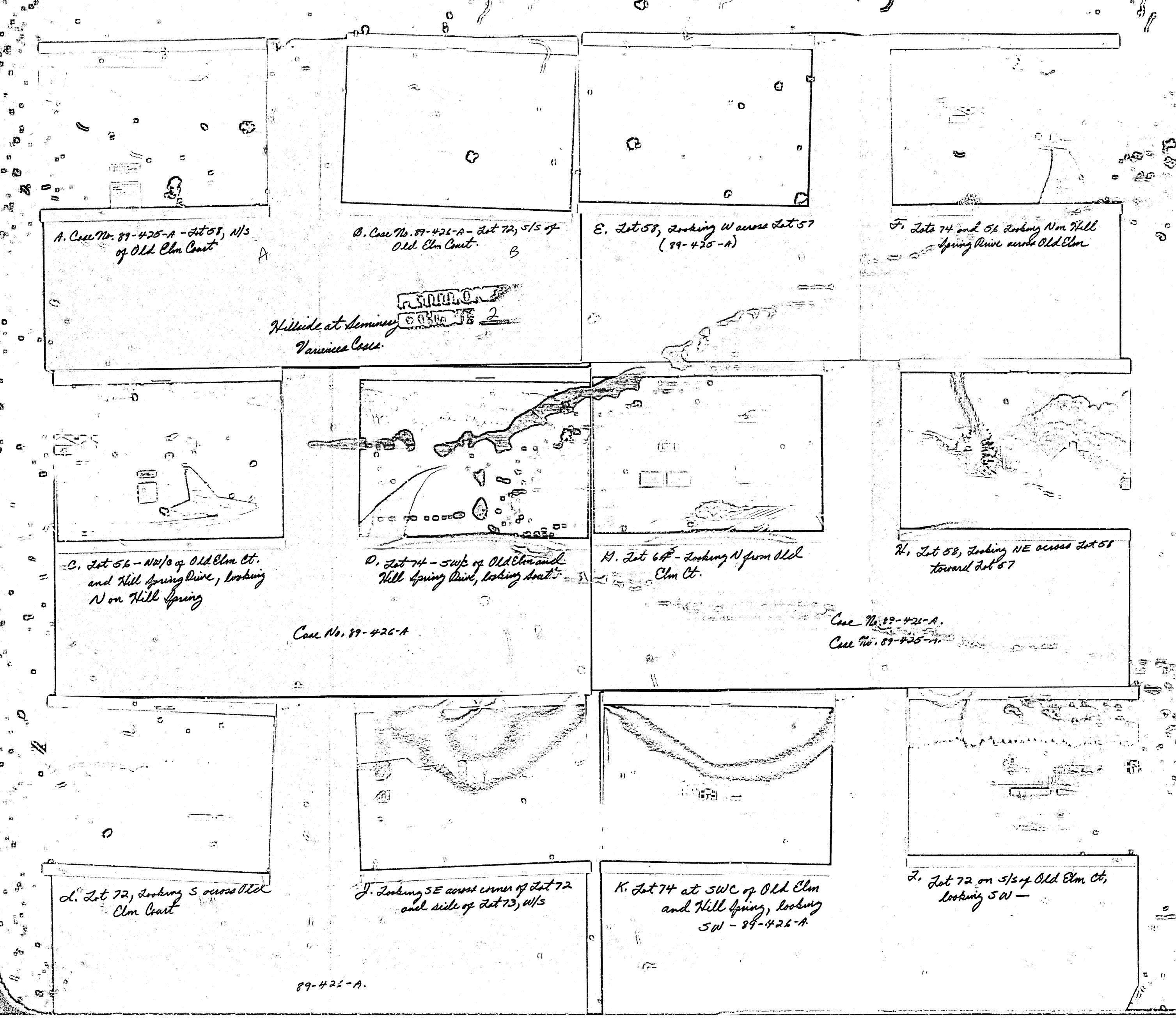
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Baltimore County Fire Department BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Towson, Maryland 21204-2586 cc: Diversified Homes, MLP of MD 494-4500 7920 McDonogh Road, Suite 102 Owings Mills, MD 21117 Paul H. Reincke April 17, 1989 COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Haryland 21284 J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Newton Williams, Esquire Baltimore County Office Building Nolan. Plumoff & Williams Towson, Maryland 21204 Suite 1105, Hampton Plaza Towson, MD 21204 Re: Property Owner: Diversified Homes, MLP of MD RE: Item No. 369, Case No. 89°, 25-A Location: N Sipe Old Elm Ct., West of Hill Spring Drive Petitioner: Diversified Homes Petition for Zoning Variance Burcas of ... Item No.: 369 Zoning Agenda: March 21, 1989 Department of Traffic Engineering Gentlemen: E2-423- A Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an 'X" are applicable and required State Roads Commissio The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans Bureau of Fire Prevention submitted with the above referenced petition. The following BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of Health Department the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are County Office Building () 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or _____ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Depart-111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Mar, land 21204 made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development Project Planning plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Building Department Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this Soard of Education with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested **Eoning Administration** Industrial Development () 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site. Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information () 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation. accordingly. Petitioner Diversified Names IT WOULD BE AL ECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN (X) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall Chairman, Zoning Plans Petitioner's Lake Milliers COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU Advisory Committee HAVEANY QUESTIONS REGARDIPS THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391. prior to occupancy. () 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn. Very truly yours, James E. Dejer/jul () 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time. JAMES E. DYER Zoning Plans Ad. sory Committee JED:jw Enclosures

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comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition

